

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 569 - HB 1072

March 4, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective January 1, 2014, creates the Office of Solicitor General to defend and initiate cases in the interest of the State. The Solicitor General would be appointed for a term of four years by a joint vote of the General Assembly. Relieves and transfers certain duties, including the defense and validity of all legislation, private acts, and general laws of local application enacted by the General Assembly, from the Office of Attorney General and Reporter to the Solicitor General.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$119,500/FY13-14
\$215,000/FY14-15 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- All personnel, equipment and other resources currently associated with the Office of Attorney General and Reporter primarily engage in activities that are now assigned to the Solicitor General will transfer at no additional cost to the state.
- It is assumed that the Solicitor General will receive a salary similar to that of the Attorney General. A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$215,010 includes the salary (\$173,352), benefits (\$35,658.51), and insurance (\$5,999.28) for the Solicitor General.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$12,000 for computer equipment, furniture, and law library for the Solicitor General.
- The Solicitor General will only incur one-half of recurring expenditures in FY13-14 due to the effective date of January 1, 2014. The increase in state expenditures in FY13-14 is estimated to be \$119,505 [(\$215,010 recurring expenditures x 50%) + \$12,000 one-time expenditures]. The recurring increase in expenditures in FY14-15 and subsequent years will total \$215,010.
- The Office of Attorney General and Reporter remains unchanged.
- The Solicitor General will incur costs to perform the duties required in these cases, but such costs are not quantifiable.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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